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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ARMS FOR PAKISTAN

1. THE SEAPOWERS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 16 UNANIMOUSLY CLEARED THE TRANSFER OF SOME 45 NAVY SHIPS TO 11 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING TWO GEARING CLASS DESTROYERS FOR PAKISTAN. PAKISTAN WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE HEARINGS. SINCE THE SUB-COMMITTEE ACTION WAS TAKEN UNANIMOUSLY, IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT THE LEGISLATION WILL BE APPROVED UNCHANGED BY THE FULL COMMITTEE AND SENT TO THE HOUSE FLOOR. THE HOUSE BILL IS IDENTICAL TO THAT PASSED BY SENATE AUGUST 26. OUR HILL-WATCHERS ARE REASONABLY SURE THAT THE BILL WILL CLEAR THE HOUSE BEFORE CONGRESS ADJOURNS OCTOBER 2.

2. THE THIRTY DAY PERIOD SINCE THE NOTIFICATION TO THE CONGRESS OF ADMINISTRATION INTENTION TO TRANSFER TWO OCEAN-GOING MINESWEEPERS TO PAKISTAN HAS PASSED UN-EVENTFULLY, OPENING THE WAY FOR THAT SALE. ALTHOUGH THE MATTER IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, WE HAVE ASKED DOD TO INFORM ODRP THAT NOTIFICATION TO THE GOP SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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COORDINATED WITH YOU.

3. UNDER SECRETARY HABIB TESTIFIED SEPTEMBER 16 BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATION INTENTION TO ISSUE SOME 43 LOA'S FOR CONFIDENTIAL

NEA COUNTRIES, INCLUDING FIVE (SIDEWINDERS, MARK 46 TORPEDOES, TANK RECOVERY VEHICLES, AMMUNITION, AND APC'S) FOR PAKISTAN. I DO NOT NOW KNOW HOW IT WENT. INCIDENTALLY, THE PENTAGON REFINED ITS PRICE DATA FOR THE AMMUNITION AND CAME UP WITH A FIGURE OF DOLS 15.7/ VICE DOLS 20.3 MILLION; THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE PACKAGE WAS REDUCED FROM DOLS 84 MILLION TO DOLS 79.5 MILLION.

4. YOU CAN PASS ON ANY OF THE ABOVE TO THE GOP. HABIB

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